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SUBJ: MODE: REQUEST TO REVIEW AND CLARIFY MISSION STAFFING

REF: A-2527

1. I HAVE REVIEWED THE MISSION'S AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVEL FOR EACH PROGRAM AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE STATE AND USIS COMPONENTS EACH BE INCREASED BY ONE US DIRECT HIRE OFFICER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS C.4.B AND ATTACHMENT A OF THE MODE GUIDELINES, I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. 1. CHIEF OF MISSION: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR FUNCTIONS PRESENTLY ARE COMBINED IN ONE OFFICER. THESE AND OTHER ASSIGNED DUTIES ARE TOO GREAT FOR ONE OFFICER TO HANDLE EFFECTIVELY AND SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO TWO SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS. VISA FRAUD HAS BECOME A MATTER OF INCREASED CONCERN REQUIRING THE CONSULAR OFFICER TO SPEND MORE TIME ON EACH APPLICATION. THE CURRENT INCUMBENT SHOULD BE SPENDING HIS FULL TIME ON CONSULAR AFFAIRS. CURRENT INTEREST IN IRON ORE AND CHROMITE MINING BY BETHLEHEM STEEL AND OTHERS WOULD ENTAIL MAJOR INVESTMENTS AND RESULT IN GREATLY INCREASED TRADE. RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRES IN-DEPTH ECONOMIC ANALYSIS BY MISSION.

2. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER

3. DEVELOP CONTACTS AND OBTAIN INFORMATION TO MEET CERP AND SPOT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. DEVELOP ANALYSIS OF GOSL FINANCIAL SITUATION AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LIQUIDITY AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. ASSIST AND PROMOTE U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS

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AND REPRESENTATIVES. EXPAND AND PROMOTE U.S. EXPORTS TO

SIERRA LEONE. OVERSEE NORMAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PROGRAMS. CONTACTS ARE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINES, BANK OF SIERRA LEONE, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK, CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE.

4. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INDEFINITE.
5. HOUSING AND FURNISHING, DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES, TITLE OF SECOND OR THIRD SECRETARY DEPENDING ON RANK.
6. FAVORABLE
7. NO OFFSET
8. N/A
9. N/A

B. 1. CHIEF OF MISSION: GOSL HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A MODERATE NONALIGNED NATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. GOSL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE USG'S BEST AFRICAN FRIENDS IN THE OAU, NAC, AND UN. NATIONS SUCH AS NORTH KOREA, CUBA, GUINEA, AND OTHER RADICALS HAVE EXPANDED GREATLY THEIR EFFORTS HERE TO PROMOTE THEIR POINT OF VIEW. GREATER EFFORTS IN THE INFORMATION FIELD BY USIS REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER. THE CURRENT NEEDS REQUIRE TWO OFFICERS, ONE TO WORK ON THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS BOTH IN FREETOWN AND IN THE POLITICALLY DOMINANT RURAL AREAS, AND THE OTHER TO WORK FULL TIME IN THE INFORMATION FIELD.

2. CULTURAL AFFAIRS OR INFORMATION OFFICER
3. OPERATE EITHER INFORMATION PROGRAM OR EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS. OTHER DUTIES AS REQUIRED. CONTACTS ARE MINISTRIES OF TOURISM & CULTURE, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION.
4. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INDEFINITE.
5. HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS, DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES, DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, TITLE OF SECOND OR THIRD SECRETARY DEPENDING ON RANK.
6. FAVORABLE
7. POSITION OF REGIONAL YOUTH OFFICER COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POST.
8. AS RYO IS REGIONAL, HE COULD STILL CARRY OUT SAME FUNCTIONS ALTHOUGH NOT STATIONED IN FREETOWN.
9. POSITION DID EXIST UNTIL FY 75 AND WAS ELIMINATED AS RESULT OF USIA INSPECTOR'S REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR FEELS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ERRONEOUS AND LACKING IN UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. INTERESTS. AMBASSADOR WROTE TO DIRECTOR KEOGH AND SPOKE TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA DAWSON, BOTH OF WHOM PROMISED TO KEEP THE POSITION UNDER CONSIDERATION. AMBASSADOR BELIEVES USIA/IAA WOULD SUPPORT THIS REQUEST.

C. MISSION IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH AID/LIBERIA AND AID/W TO INSURE PROPER AID STAFFING LEVEL FOR NEWLY RESUMED BILATERAL

AID PROGRAM.

2. FOLLOWING ARE CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS FOR STATISTICAL TABLE:

A. STATE

1. AUTHORIZED FY-76, FN SHOULD READ 25 VICE 24. ADDITIONAL POSITION GRANTED PER STATE 304611, DATED DECEMBER 30, 1975.
2. CONTRACT WORKERS, DIRECT, SHOULD READ FN THREE.
3. CONTRACT WORKERS, INDIRECT, SHOULD READ FN 98

B. AID

1. CONTRACT WORKERS, DIRECT, SHOULD READ ONE.
2. CONTRACT WORKERS, INDIRECT, SHOULD READ FN ZERO VICE ONE.

C. USIS

1. AUTHORIZED FY 76, ONE POSITION SHOULD BE LISTED AS REGIONAL.
2. CONTRACT WORKER, INDIRECT, FN ONE.

D. PEACE CORPS

1. ASSIGNED 12/31/75, SHOULD READ US FIVE, FN NINE.
2. AUTHORIZED FY 76, SHOULD READ US FIVE, FN NINE.
3. NOTE: A & B ABOVE AUTHORIZED PER QUARTERLY PEACE CORPS SIERRA LEONE BUDGET ALLOTMENTS WHICH INCLUDES STATEMENT RE PERSONNEL CEILING FOR EACH QUARTER.
4. CONTRACT, INDIRECT, FN SEVEN.
5. TOTAL PCVS 202, NO TRAINEES.

E. TOTAL FIGURES AS FOLLOWS:

1. ASSIGNED 12/31/75, US 14, FN 39.
2. AUTHORIZED FY 76, US 16, FN 41.
3. CONTRACT WORKERS, DIRECT, FN 4.

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4. CONTRACT WORKERS, INDIRECT, US 2, FN 106.

F. AMERICAN DEPENDENTS WITHIN COUNTRY, 18  
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